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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Counsel for applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter and willingness to consider this Amendment after final rejection. In accordance with that indication, Applicants present the instant amendments for consideration.

Claims 1-3 and 21 and 22 are presented for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1-3 and 21 and 22 are fully supported by the application as filed and there is thus no issue of new matter; entry of this Amendment is therefore requested at this time.

Support for Claims 1-3, and 21-22

Support for claims 1-3 and 21 and 22 is found *inter alia* with claims 1-3 and 21 and 22 as filed, with the schemes and with the examples.

Claim Objections

Applicants have amended claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's generic concept indicated to be allowable. In view of these amendments, the Examiner's objections are believed to be moot and withdrawal of them is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For all of the reasons above, claims 1-3 and 21 and 22 are believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. If the Examiner does not agree that all claims are allowable, then a telephonic or in-person interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and accelerate the eventual allowance of this application.

No fee is believed to be due with this response other than the fees for a Request for extension of time for three months. Authorization is hereby given to charge all required fees to Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ORT-1441/MBZ.

Respectfully submitted,

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